

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

INTRODUCED BY PEASE

BY REQUEST OF THE SENATE HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING CONGRESS TO PASS A WELL-FUNDED, MULTIYEAR FEDERAL HIGHWAY PROGRAM IN A TIMELY MANNER WHILE ALSO PROTECTING MONTANA'S INTERESTS.

WHEREAS, a well-funded federal highway program is important to the economy and quality of life in Montana, creating and maintaining jobs for Montanans, facilitating commerce in Montana, and enabling Montanans to travel safely to school, work, hospitals, stores, places of recreation, and other destinations that are important to a high quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Congress has not yet enacted legislation providing for a multiyear reauthorization of the federal highway program, hampering the ability of the state to deliver needed highway improvements to the citizens of Montana; and

WHEREAS, Montana has a vast and extensive highway system that serves national as well as state transportation needs, and Montana has very few citizens to finance the highway systems' maintenance and improvement, and it is essential that Montana's position in the federal highway program be perpetuated in the reauthorization.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That the Montana Legislature strongly supports prompt enactment of a well-funded, multiyear federal highway program that includes a highway funding formula that is at least as favorable to Montana's share of the program as the formula in the most recent multiyear federal highway legislation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent by the Secretary of State to the Montana Congressional Delegation.

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